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FRYE HOLDS GLOBAL WARMING HEARING AND RECOMMENDS ACTION

Calls Global Warming biggest environmental threat to economy and the community

San Diego, CA- Today, Councilmember Donna Frye held a hearing on the issue of global warming at the City Council's Natural Resources and Culture Committee. The hearing was an effort to help educate the City Council and the public about global warming.

Frye commented, "Global warming is the biggest environmental threat to the economy and our communities. It is absolutely imperative that we work together to take action at a local level to curb the impacts of global warming. Most importantly, I want to emphasize that this it is not a partisan or political issue, but rather an issue of survival and quality of life."

The committee discussed the impact of global warming in San Diego and heard potential local solutions. Professor Richard Somerville, from Scripps Institute of Oceanography, spoke about the causes and effects of global warming, while other experts discussed what solutions exist for this crisis. The threat to San Diego is serious-- rising sea levels and higher temperatures can cause devastating floods, erode our coastline and decrease our supply of clean drinking water.

Local businesses are starting to take action. Cecilia Aguillar, from Kyocera Solar, talked about how they are reducing energy use and turning to green energy sources to save money and minimize their impacts on the environment.

Frye concluded, "I hope that today the committee will accept a 'local action plan' for addressing global warming at the City and refer it to our Independent Budget Analyst for review and analysis. I also hope we will take the small step of giving preferential parking to owners of hybrid vehicles in our city parking lots."

Frye believes it is important not only for the city to take a leadership role on this issue, but to take action within her own office. She has started tracking energy use within her own office and is beginning to find new ways to conserve the energy used throughout the work day.

Frye is the City Councilmember for the Sixth Council District of the City of San Diego. She is currently the chair of the City Council's Natural Resources and Culture committee.

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